

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU
March 7, 1918—Last twenty-four hours: Rainfall 0.10 in.
Min. 67; Max. 77. Weather clear.

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LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS		
Cents Dollars		
98° Centrifugal N. Y.	per lb.	per ton
Price, Hawaiian basis	6.005	\$190.10
Last previous quotation		\$190.00

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RIGHT OF SUPREME COURT IS UPHELD

Appeal Against Appointment of William Williamson As Trustee of the Bishop Estate Beaten in Circuit Court of Appeals.

PRIDE OF OPINION IS NOT "JUDICIAL BIAS"

Contention of Judge Ashford That Power of Confirmation Lies With Circuit Court and Not Supreme Court Is Denied

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—(Associated Press)—The circuit court of appeals yesterday handed down an opinion sustaining the right of the Supreme Court of Hawaii to appoint trustees to fill vacancies on the board of the Bishop Estate, denying the contention of Circuit Judge Ashford that the right to appoint has now devolved upon a circuit court judge sitting in equity.

The decision, written by Judge Wolverton, says that personal interest arising out of pride of opinion to have one's choice of appointment sustained does not necessarily entail judicial bias.

This decision confirms William Williamson in his position as trustee of the Bishop Estate and voids the appointment of Charles King, made by Judge Ashford on July 30, 1916. Mr. Williamson was nominated by the members of the board to fill the vacancy created by the illness of S. M. Damon, the appointment being made by the nomination by the majority of the judges of the supreme court.

Judge Ashford, before whom came a similar appeal of the Bishop Estate, claiming that the right devolved upon him as a circuit court judge sitting in equity. The transfer of authority, he decided, had been included in the Judiciary Act, effective January 1, 1893. The statement of the court was a long one, reviewing much of the history of the Bishop Estate and the Kamehameha Schools.

Under the authority claimed, Judge Ashford appointed Charles E. King, an alumnus of the Kamehameha Schools of the first class of 1891. The reasons given why the appointment of Mr. Williamson was not regarded by him as satisfactory were "that it has not been made to appear that he is so qualified, by length of residence in Hawaii, or by familiarity and sympathy with the history, manners, customs, language, ideals and aspirations of the Hawaiian people as to mark him out as a fit and suitable person to be appointed to an office where he would be authorized and expected to exercise a wide, benevolent and sympathetic discretion with references to the education of Hawaiian youth, of either sex, and concerning the general scheme, system and regulation to be adopted and observed during their attendance at the schools in question."

The position on the board has been held, pending the decision of the appeal, by Mr. Williamson, under authority of the decision of the supreme court. The case has been of most direct interest throughout the Islands, the appointment of Mr. King by Judge Ashford, on the fact of his Hawaiian blood, having stirred the community, for and against the basis of the appointment. The Kamehameha Alumni have been particularly interested, Mr. King being an alumnus and the first such to be so recognized. Adding to the interest has been the fact that the alumni have been criticizing the management and curriculum of the schools and insisting that there should be a Hawaiian trustee to bring about the reforms they believed necessary.

Two Rock Island Officials Face Suspension

Government Determined Regulations Against Liquor and Advice Shall Be Observed Will Thus Be Indicated

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(Associated Press)—Suspension of two government officials at Rock Island is being seriously considered. Such suspension would be an official indication on the part of the government to enforce strictly and to the letter the provisions of the Presidential proclamation establishing dry zones and the sale of liquor to soldiers in uniform as well as the abolishing of vice conditions about and in the vicinity of army and navy training camps.

It is understood the complaint against the officials who may be suspended arises in connection with the passage of liquor into the dry zones.

BILL GIVES FUNDS FOR LEAVE CENTERS

Fifteen Millions Provided For Welfare of Soldiers

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(Associated Press)—Provision for the entertainment and comfort of American soldiers while on leave in the "leave centers" which the United States is establishing in a number of French cities and towns is contained in a measure which was yesterday introduced in the house of representatives by Senator Miller of Minnesota.

The policy of the government has been against the granting of a general leave which would permit the soldier to go where he will in France and would probably lead most of them to Paris. Instead there has already been opened one leave center and others are to be established. In these centers the municipal authorities will cooperate with officials from the United States in providing for the welfare of the men.

The bill of Representative Miller provides for such centers and at the same time will furnish facilities for recreation such as baseball and athletic fields and other amusement places. Fifteen million dollars is appropriated.

ARMY OF CHILDREN TO HELP FEED COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(Associated Press)—Under the auspices of the administration, an army of five million children is to be formed to help feed the Nation and thus to help feed the Allies.

The formation of the "United States Garden Army" is announced, to consist of five million children supplying their own families with vegetables.

Secretary of the Interior Lane is to organize the garden army in cities and villages and Secretary of Agriculture Houston to organize it in the country.

ASTONISHING RESULTS FOUND BY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(Associated Press)—Declaring that the extensive investigation which the railroad wage commission has made into the cost of living has produced "some astonishing results," Secretary Lane yesterday made it known that the work of the commission was concluded. The recommendations of the commission said the secretary are now being formulated and will be announced probably late this month. The investigation has covered all features of the increased cost of living in all sections of the United States.

RIOT FOR FOOD

LONDON, March 8.—(Associated Press)—Serious food shortage continues in the northern Neutral countries. Despatches from Copenhagen received last night said that in Christiania the situation had become so acute that serious food riots were in progress.

GIFT TO NAVY

PALE BEACH, Florida, March 8.—(Associated Press)—Edward Stotesbury announces that he will present the department of navy with a submarine chaser. The craft was built for his son, Esign Stotesbury.

MISSING PATROL SPRINGS UP AS IF FROM EARTH

Nine Men Suddenly Leap From Shell Hole Where They Had Hidden Nearly Twenty-four Hours and Make Sprint Into Safety

AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, March 8.—(Delayed—Associated Press)—A sensational sprint across No Man's Land, within plain sight of the forces in the front line trenches of both the American and German forces in the Toul sector of the Lorraine front, took place this morning during a lull in the firing. Nine Americans took part in the affair, which so far as known, is without a parallel in the history of the war.

On Tuesday night a patrol of eight men with one officer was dispatched into No Man's Land. Following the sending out of the patrol there was general activity along the front, with firing constantly in the air and much firing. The patrol failed to return and the members were posted as "missing," the fear being general that the Americans had been captured.

This morning, in broad daylight, the officer and his eight men suddenly emerged from a shell hole, close to the German lines, and streaked it across the intervening space to the American trenches, the men dodging other shell holes and hurrying obstacles. They reached the American trenches in safety.

So unexpected was the appearance of these men and so unusual was their appearance, springing out of the earth, that not a shot was fired from the German trenches, while the missing patrol members were greeted by cheers when they last one time tumbled to safety.

The officer explained that he and his men had been caught by the German flares and had sought shelter in the shell hole until the heavy firing would die down. This did not happen for two hours after daylight, after the patrol had spent thirty-six hours in their shelter.

With French Raiders
An American colonel was with French raiders in the Lorraine sector when they captured several Germans, among them a lieutenant. On this part of the front the Americans and French are working in active cooperation and have repulsed a number of raids with heavy losses to the enemy.

NEW CLASSIFICATION FOR DRAFT ORDERED

Those Exempted For Physical Defects Will Be In Group B

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(Associated Press)—Physical disability will not necessarily exempt registrants. Revised instructions have been sent out to the various medical advisory boards which will require a large amount of reclassification and this the boards are directed to at once undertake. The new classification will be in accordance with physical condition.

The new regulations provide for the placing of those who would previously have been exempted in group B and will make them acceptable for service under certain conditions. Following cure of any remedial defect, the registrant becomes subject to the draft and pending such subject remains in the class of those temporarily unfit.

MARCONI IS ASKED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(Associated Press)—Asserting that the statements made by Marconi since his arrival in this country have been practically charges of graft against Italian officials who have been in any way connected with the purchases made for Italy in the United States, Francis Quattrone, a member of the Italian Mission which visited the United States some months ago, has called to Marconi and asked for more specific statements.

The cable of the commissioner said the statements of Marconi impute a wide spread dishonesty and that substantiation or modification is demanded.

FORMER SENATOR MADE CIVILIAN MEMBER BOARD

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(Associated Press)—Fred Dubois, ex senator of Idaho, was nominated today as a civilian member of the board of ordnance and fortification.

SETTLE OWN DYNASTY

AMSTERDAM, March 7.—(Associated Press)—The dynastic question in Rumania is an internal one, to be settled by the Rumanians, was the assertion of Baron von Doss Bunsen Hadden, under secretary of foreign affairs, in replying to another speaker in the Reichstag regarding the future of the throne in Rumania.

FLYER IS KILLED

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 7.—(Associated Press)—Barton Harburt of the Royal Flying Corps, a cadet, was instantly killed today while attempting a landing. An instructor with him was uninjured.

THEY'RE off for France! Here is a picture showing a part of the deck of an Atlantic liner now being used for transport purposes just before she sailed for France. This is the way the American Contingent is moving forward on vessels supplied by the Shipping Board.



TROOPS AND SUPPLIES MOVE TO FRANCE UPON SCHEDULE

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(Associated Press)—In the movement of troops to France and of supplies for the men in the trenches and those that are continually replacing in the training camps those who go forward for actual fighting, the shipping board is meeting all requirements. This was learned from a high authority yesterday.

Ocean transportation requirements of the army are being fully met by the shipping board. Vessels for transport of troops are constantly available as required to meet the demands of the schedule for departures that has been arranged. Supplies are also moving on schedule.

The problem of moving troops to France was considered one of the most difficult of solution connected with the participation of the United States. To solve it has occasioned much at home and for the Allies but the shipping board is winning commendation from all departments upon the manner in which it is meeting the situation.

It is known, though not officially announced, that recently the demands on the shipping board have been the greatest of any period since the United States became a belligerent.

EXTERMINATION OF "U" PESTS GOES ON

December Record Shows More Lost To Germany Than Can Be Replaced In Month

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(Associated Press)—According to information reaching here, chiefly in reports from the various governments of the number of U-boat submarines destroyed, there were more undersea craft lost to Germany in the month of December than that country can possibly replace in a month. In this way, it is claimed, progress is being made against the submarine campaign. The losses to the shipping of the Allies are smaller than in the early weeks of the unrestricted submarine policy owing to the patroling done by the fleets of the Allies and the United States, especially the United States and Great Britain, and so long as Germany is unable to increase its submarine fleet probability of any increasing success for the U-boats is remote.

TWELVE BILLIONS OF INSURANCE WRITTEN

Lives of Soldiers and Sailors Insured For Vast Total

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(Associated Press)—Announcement was made today that Uncle Sam now runs the nation's largest insurance company.

More than twelve billions worth of insurance has been written on the lives of American soldiers and sailors and nurses.

The applications for insurance have reached nearly 1,500,000. The amount written is more than three times that entered by the largest insurance company in the country.

ROOSEVELT WILL SOON BE ON SPEAKING TOUR

OYSTER BAY, March 8.—(Associated Press)—Colonel Roosevelt returned to his Oyster Bay home last night much improved and looking almost like himself.

After a few days rest here it is the intention of the Colonel to resume his speaking engagements within the next few days.

ENEMY ARTILLERY IS SHOWING ACTIVITY

LONDON, March 7.—(Associated Press)—Continued indications today are that the Germans are preparing to launch their heralded western offensive, a part of which will be at the serious cost held by American troops.

Official announcements today tell of enemy artillery activity south of St. Quentin, and in the neighborhood of Bois Grenier. There is also much activity west of Cambrai and southeast of Ypres.

Raid on Verdun have been repulsed today by the French.

The Germans have captured Jamburg east of Narva, on the southern front.

The Turco German offensive recently organized in the Black Sea territory is continuing beyond Trebizond, says a Russian Agency despatch.

STEEL MEN WANT TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE

Price of Steel Stabilized But Materials Entering Are Not

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(Associated Press)—The steel manufacturers of the country today asked the government to fix the prices of all products entering into the manufacture of steel. They say that unless this is done the price of steel cannot be stabilized, as they are unable now to control the prices paid for their raw materials.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS PROPERLY CLOTHED

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(Associated Press)—American soldiers, both in France and in the camps and cantonments are not now suffering from an insufficiency of clothing as was complained late last year and on the subject of which a large amount of testimony was delivered before the investigation of the conduct of the war made by the senate committee on military affairs, resulting in the pending bill for a war cabinet and a purchasing department to unify the work of securing supplies and equipment. Quartermaster General Goethals issued a statement yesterday in which he said the most urgent needs had been met and all of the United States forces were now adequately clothed.

It is further announced that a wool board has been appointed which will make a study of clothing.

FRANCIS HELD BY BOLSHEVIKI AT IRKUTSK IS TOKIO REPORT

Message Is Unofficial and Says Japanese Ambassador, Viscount Uchida, Is Also Held By Orders of Russians

PUBLIC SENTIMENT IN RUSSIA BADLY MIXED

Workmen's Council Urges Ratification of Treaty Which Gives So Much To Kaiser But Some Peace Delegates Oppose

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(Associated Press)—Ambassador Francis of the United States and Ambassador Uchida of Japan are detained by the Bolsheviks at Irkutsk under orders of the Bolsheviks. This is the information contained in unofficial despatches which were received in Japanese circles from Tokio late last night. Details as to the reasons or excuses assigned by the Bolsheviks are not given. If the report shall be verified it is taken to most seriously complicate the situation and it is admitted it may expedite the sending of a Japanese expedition into Siberia.

SENTIMENTS VARY

Petrograd despatches indicate a chaotic state of public opinion with adverse sentiments being freely expressed. The Bolshevik leaders are generally advising the adoption of the treaty despite all it gives away but some of the peace delegates advise serious consideration and some even oppose yielding.

Official announcement was made from Berlin in despatches received at Amsterdam of the signing of a peace treaty with Finland and of the making of a supplementary treaty on trade and shipping conditions, indicating the Germans are pushing forward with all that remains of their Mittel-Europa plans.

Peace ratification is urged by the executive committee of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council, which has issued a new appeal to the people, even though recognizing that Germany is preparing to exploit Russia for her own interests, according to Petrograd reports.

The committee says that it recognizes that the German peace terms are those of "political bandits," but nevertheless calls upon the delegates to the Moscow congress to vote for the ratification of the peace treaty. This information is contained in the Izvestia, a Bolshevik organ. "This is advised because peace affords the social revolution an absolutely necessary respite," Delegate Opposes.

M. Prokovsky, one of the peace leaders of the Brest-Litovsk delegation, addressing the delegates of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council at Moscow, took another view. He begged those in sympathy with the democratic revolution not to deceive themselves. He asserted that the new frontiers outlined by Germany constitute an "iron ring around revolutionary Russia."

He declared also that Germany is intending to crush Russia through her economic demands.

DISCOVERY LEADS TO ARRESTS AND SUICIDES

TOKIO, March 7.—(Special To Hawaiian Ship)—Seven officers of the Yabuta Iron works have committed suicide and 117 officers and employees have been arrested because of the recent discovery of alleged unlawful acts connected with dealings in iron by the company.

CARDINAL DIES

ROME, March 8.—(Associated Press)—Cardinal Dominico Serafini, prefect of the congregation of propaganda, died yesterday. Cardinal Serafini, who was titular Archbishop of Seleucia, was appointed to the college of cardinals in 1914. He was Italian, sixty-seven years old.